



OCC Encourages Participation in Winter Heating Assistance Programs

As Connecticut finds itself in another winter season, the Office of Consumer Counsel (“OCC”) encourages consumers to stay informed of programs available to aid in heating their homes.

There are several services in the state open to homeowners and renters who are eligible. Those customers who are eligible for winter heating assistance may also be able to receive weatherization assistance. The act of weatherizing a home can significantly conserve energy and lower heating bills.

Eligibility requirements include households whose incomes fall at or below 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, households with incomes below 60 percent of the state median income, as well as households with elderly, disabled, and/or children under the age of six with incomes between 150 and 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

Those interested should contact their local Community Action Agency (see below), or call 2-1-1 Infoline or the Department of Social Services (“DSS”) Office of Community Services at 1-800-842-1132.

Community Action Agencies

The Community Action Committee of Danbury, Inc. – (203) 748-5422

New Opportunities, Inc. (Waterbury area) – (203)756-8151

Bristol Community Organization, Inc. – (860) 582-7490

Human Resources Agency of New Britain, Inc. – (860) 223-2288

Community Renewal Team, Inc. (Hartford area) – (860) 560-5800 or (Middletown area) – (860) 347-4465

ACCESS, Inc. (Willimantic – Danielson area) – (860) 450-7423

Thames Valley Council for Community Action, Inc. (Norwich – New London area) – (860) 425-6681

New Opportunity for Greater Meriden – (203) 235-0278

Community Action Agency of new Haven, Inc. – (203) 387-7700

TEAM, Inc. (Derby – Ansonia – Shelton area) – (203) 736-5420

Action for Bridgeport Community Development, Inc. – (203) 384-6904

Norwalk Economic Opportunity Now, Inc. – (203) 399-2484